

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 48-71 are allowed. These claims have been renumbered as claims 1-18.

Drawings

2. The replacement drawings, figure 1-11, received on October 25, 2007 are accepted by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Amy Atzel on April 29, 2008.

4. Claims 48, 53, and 60 have been amended and 66-71 have been cancelled as follows:

48. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for retrieving a plurality of electronic files over a wide area network, the method comprising:

providing a browser window comprising a web page executed on a computer, wherein the web page comprises a form, wherein the form is capable of receiving a text request string from an electronic mail message;

receiving in said form a text request string comprising unique identifiers and unformatted text, wherein the unique identifiers uniquely identify electronic files;

parsing the text request string to identify the unique identifiers in the string, wherein identifying includes matching based on selected criteria;

providing the unique identifiers to a user for selection of a plurality of said unique identifiers, wherein the number of unique identifiers provided to the user for selection is the same as the number of electronic files for retrieval;

querying a user to order the electronic files identified by the selected unique identifiers, wherein a plurality of electronic files ordered are delivered to a user electronically.

53. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for retrieving a plurality of items over a wide area network, the method comprising:

providing a browser window comprising a web page executed on a computer, wherein the web page comprises a form, wherein the form is capable of receiving a request from an electronic mail message;

receiving in said form a request comprising unique identifiers and data, wherein the unique identifiers identify unique items;

parsing the request to identify the unique identifiers, wherein identifying includes matching based on selected criteria;

providing the unique identifiers to a user for selection of a plurality of said unique identifiers, wherein the number of unique identifiers provided to the user for selection is the same as the number of items for retrieval;

querying a user to order the items identified by the selected unique identifiers, wherein a plurality of items ordered are delivered to a user electronically.

60. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for retrieving a plurality of items over a wide area network comprising:

a browser window comprising a web page executed on a computer, wherein the web page comprises a form, wherein the form is capable of receiving a request from an electronic mail message;

a request module receiving a request comprising unique identifiers and data wherein the unique identifiers identify unique items;

a parser module identifying the unique identifiers, wherein identifying includes matching based on selected criteria;

a display module that provides the unique identifiers to a user for selection of one or more a plurality of the unique identifiers; wherein the number of unique identifiers provided to the user for selection is the same as the number of items for retrieval;

an order module that enables a server system to process an order for the a plurality of items identified by the unique identifiers; wherein a plurality of items ordered are delivered to a user electronically.

66-71. (Cancelled)

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements including 'providing a browser window comprising a web page executed on a computer, wherein the web page comprises a form, wherein the form is capable of receiving a text request string from an electronic mail message; receiving in said form a text request string comprising unique identifiers and unformatted text, wherein the unique identifiers uniquely identify electronic files; parsing the text request string to identify the unique identifiers in the string, wherein identifying includes matching based on selected criteria' and 'querying a user to order the electronic files identified by the selected unique identifiers, wherein a plurality of electronic files ordered are delivered to a user electronically' as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claims 53 and 66.

As per claim 60, the prior art of record does not teach the combination of elements read in light of the specification including 'an order module that enables a server system to process an order for a plurality of items identified by the unique identifiers; wherein a plurality of items ordered are delivered to a user electronically.'

The remaining claims, 49-52, 54-59, 61-65, and 67-71, are dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

NAME OF CONTACT

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

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